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FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9656  
INFO COMMCEN AVIANO AB ITALY  
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CAMP DARBY HOLD FOR AMCONSUL GENOA  
AVIANO HOLD FOR AMCONSUL TRIESTE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: GVIS, IT  
SUBJECT: SPECIAL VISA LAW FOR FRIULI

REF: A) STATE 209906; B) ROME 12486; C) STATE 204313

1. ACCORDING AMCONSUL GENOA ONLY TEN IMMIGRATION  
INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE FROM FRIULANI;  
EACH OF THE TEN INDIVIDUALS HAS A RELATIVE IN THE US  
AND COULD BE QUALIFIED UNDER PRESENT REGULATIONS.  
ITALIAN EMIGRATION RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE  
COMMUNITY LEVEL, MAKING INFORMATION ON MOVEMENTS TO  
COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE  
TO OBTAIN. OF THE TWO INQUIRIES RECEIVED AT THE  
EMBASSY SO FAR, ONE CAME FROM AN OFFICIAL SOURCE  
IMPELLED BY CURIOSITY, THE OTHER FROM A WOMAN HOLDER  
OF A TOURIST VISA TO THE US, WHO, RESIDING IN AN  
AREA PERIPHERAL TO THE EARTHQUAKE, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN  
ELIGIBLE UNDER THE CRITERIA OF EITHER H.R. 14154  
OR H.R. 14308 AS SUBMITTED.  
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2. ALTHOUGH INSPIRED BY ADMIRABLE MOTIVES, THE PROPOSED SPECIAL VISA LAW FOR FRIULI IS THE WRONG LEGISLATION FOR THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. WE ARE AWARE OF NO SIGNIFICANT INTEREST AMONG FRIULANIS IN IMIGRATING. THE POINT MADE IN PARA 2 REF C IS WELL TAKEN AND ENTIRELY ENDORSED BY THIS EMBASSY AS WELL AS AMCONSULS GENOA AND TRIESTE. IT WOULD BE ENDORSED BY THE FRIULANIS AS WELL. THE APPROPRIATION OF \$25 MILLION FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF WAS THE RIGHT KIND OF THING TO DO "TO ASSIST THESE ITALIANS". AS INDICATED ABOVE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO HELP THEM LEAVE ITALY.

3. THERE ARE ASPECTS TO THE FRIULI SITUATION THAT SERVE TO REINFORCE THAT POSITION. FRIULI HAS BEEN AN AREA OF MAJOR PERMANENT EMIGRATION IN THE PAST. IT IS LESS SO NOW. THERE AS ELSEWHERE IN ITALY THE EXPORT OF PEOPLE IS SEEN AS ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE FAILURE OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL CHANGE. TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE THE REHABILITATION OF THE FRIULI WILL BE VIEWED AS A MEASURE OF THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND, AS SUCH, THE FIRST REAL TEST OF THE VIABILITY OF THE DECENTRALIZATION OF AUTHORITY TO WHICH THE RULING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE COMMITTED. THE GOVERNMENT IN ROME, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD NOT WELCOME THE CLEAR IMPLICATION IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT IT AND THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY WERE INCAPABLE OF PROVIDING FOR THE FRIULANI.BEAUDRY

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